

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: PARAGARD PRODUCTS : MDL DOCKET NO. 2974  
LIABILITY LITIGATION :  
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This document relates to: : 1:20-md-02974-LMM  
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ALISSA GARDENHIRE :  
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vs. : Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, :  
INC ET AL. :  
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**SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

Come(s) now the Plaintiff(s) named below, and for her/their Complaint against the Defendant(s) named below, incorporate(s) the Second Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint (Doc. No. 79), in MDL No. 2974 by reference. Plaintiff(s) further plead(s) as follows:

1. Name of Plaintiff placed with Paragard: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alissa Gardenhire \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of Plaintiff's Spouse (if a party to the case): \_\_\_\_\_  
n/a \_\_\_\_\_

3. If case is brought in a representative capacity, Name of Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):  
N/A

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4. State of Residence of each Plaintiff (including any Plaintiff in a representative capacity) at time of filing of Plaintiff's original complaint: New Jersey

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5. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard placement:  
New Jersey

6. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard removal:  
New Jersey

7. District Court and Division in which personal jurisdiction and venue would be proper:  
the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

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8. Defendants. (Check one or more of the following five (5) Defendants against whom Plaintiff's Complaint is made. The following five (5) Defendants are the only defendants against whom a Short Form Complaint may be filed. No other entity may be added as a defendant in a Short Form Complaint.):

- A. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
- B. Teva Women's Health, LLC
- C. Teva Branded Pharmaceutical Products R&D, Inc.
- D. The Cooper Companies, Inc.
- E. CooperSurgical, Inc.

## 9. Basis of Jurisdiction

- Diversity of Citizenship (28 U.S.C. § 1332(a))
- Other (if Other, identify below):

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Date(s) Plaintiff had Paragard placed (DD/MM/YYYY)	Placing Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)	Date Plaintiff's Paragard was Removed (DD/MM/YYYY)* *If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list date of each separately.	Removal Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)** **If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list information separately.
Date Unknown October, 2011	Dr. Yvonne Wright-Cadet OB/GYN 2130 Millburn Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040	Date Unknown, March 2019	Newark Community Health Center-Irvington 1148-1150, Springfield Ave, Irvington, NJ 07111

11. Plaintiff alleges breakage (other than thread or string breakage) of her Paragard upon removal.

Yes  
 No

12. Brief statement of injury(ies) Plaintiff is claiming:

As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer significant bodily and mental injuries, including but not limited to pain and suffering, mental anguish, disfigurement, embarrassment, inconvenience, loss of earnings, loss of reproductive health and past and potential future medical expenses.

Plaintiff reserves her right to allege additional injuries and complications specific to her.

13. Product Identification:

a. Lot Number of Paragard placed in Plaintiff (if now known):

Unknown.

b. Did you obtain your Paragard from anyone other than the HealthCare Provider who placed your Paragard:

Yes  
 No

14. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

Count I – Strict Liability / Design Defect  
 Count II – Strict Liability / Failure to Warn  
 Count III – Strict Liability / Manufacturing Defect  
 Count IV – Negligence  
 Count V – Negligence / Design and Manufacturing Defect  
 Count VI – Negligence / Failure to Warn

- Count IX – Negligent Misrepresentation
- Count X – Breach of Express Warranty
- Count XI – Breach of Implied Warranty
- Count XII – Violation of Consumer Protection Laws
- Count XIII – Gross Negligence
- Count XIV – Unjust Enrichment
- Count XV – Punitive Damages
- Count XVI – Loss of Consortium
- Other Count(s) (Please state factual and legal basis for other claims not included in the Master Complaint below):  

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15. “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment” allegations:

- a. Is Plaintiff alleging “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment”?
  - Yes
  - No
- b. If Plaintiff is alleging “tolling/fraudulent concealment” beyond the facts alleged in the Master Complaint, please state the facts and legal basis applicable to the Plaintiff in support of those allegations below:

Prior to having the ParaGard IUD implanted, Plaintiff's healthcare providers told her that ParaGard IUD was safe, effective, and could be removed in-office with a simple procedure. She did not realize that she might have a cause of action regarding the ParaGard IUD. She did not know there was an issue with the ParaGard IUD. She contacted her lawyers after learning she might have a claim

16. Count VII (Fraud & Deceit) and Count VIII (Fraud by Omission) allegations:

a. Is Plaintiff is bringing a claim under Count VII (Fraud & Deceit), Count VIII (Fraud by Omission), and/or any other claim for fraud or misrepresentation?

Yes  
 No

b. If Yes, the following information must be provided (in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 and/or 9, and/or with pleading requirements applicable to Plaintiff's state law claims):

i. The alleged statement(s) of material fact that Plaintiff alleges was false: Paragard, a reversible form of birth control, was safe and effective. Paragard

was safe and/or safer than other reversible birth control products on the market.

ii. Who allegedly made the statement: Defendants

iii. To whom the statement was allegedly made: Plaintiff and her healthcare provider who implanted Paragard.

iv. The date(s) on which the statement was allegedly made:

Defendants' statements are within the Paragard label and marketing materials at all relevant times prior to implantation

17. If Plaintiff is bringing any claim for manufacturing defect and alleging facts beyond those contained in the Master Complaint, the following information must be provided:

a. What does Plaintiff allege is the manufacturing defect in her Paragard? N/A

18. Plaintiff's demand for the relief sought if different than what is alleged in the Master Complaint: \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. Jury Demand:

Jury Trial is demanded as to all counts  
 Jury Trial is NOT demanded as to any count

s/ Nicole Berg

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